



## How can I become a homecare provider?

There are three ways to become a homecare provider:

**1** One way is to contact the county's Public Authority, which assists people with IHSS in finding a homecare provider. The Public Authority maintains a Registry of homecare providers and offers access to training in caregiving skills.

Most Public Authorities ask people wanting to be on their Registry to provide:

- Proof of citizenship or legal immigration
- Social Security Card
- Valid picture ID or Driver's License
- Documentation or certificates for any training you may have had

To be listed on the Registry, call the Public Authority. Their number appears in the county government listings under **Public Authority – IHSS**. In some counties, you may be asked to participate in an orientation session. Counties may also ask you to be fingerprinted or agree to a criminal background check. You may be asked to pay for the cost of doing this.

**2** You can also become a homecare provider if a **family member** or **friend** qualifies for IHSS services. To become the paid provider for some of their needs, call the **County Adult Programs** or **IHSS** office, which appears in the county government listings under social services or health and human services.

**3** You can also find a job as a homecare provider through help-wanted ads in your local newspaper and notices on bulletin boards at senior centers, independent living centers and churches in your area.

*Are you a caring person looking for work?*



**Homecare Opportunities  
in the In-Home Supportive  
Services (IHSS) Program**

## Are you a caring person looking for work?

You can make a difference to elderly or disabled people who need personal and household help in order to live safely and independently in their own home.

Experience in caregiving is not required. Through a government-funded program, you could be paid to help elderly or disabled individuals with their personal care and household chores.



## What is IHSS?

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program provides personal and household services to aged, blind or disabled individuals who have limited ability to care for themselves but who could live in their own home with some help.



## What services are offered?

Federal, state, and county funds are used to pay family, friends or others to help people in their own home with the following tasks:

- **Household chores**, such as house-cleaning, changing bed linen, laundry, meal preparation and clean-up, food shopping and other errands
- **Personal care services**, such as help with bathing, grooming, dressing, eating, getting in and out of bed, moving around one's home, bowel/bladder care, breathing, medications, prosthetic care, and escorting to medical appointments.

Persons who provide this care are called **homecare providers**.

